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SUBJECT: BURMA: DEMARCHES TO TIMOR LESTE ON REFERENDUM, CYCLONE  
RESPONSE

REF: B) STATE 48651, A) STATE 45471

11. CYCLONE NARGIS RESPONSE: Per reftels, DCM met May 9 with Timor-Leste Ministry of Foreign Affairs Secretary General Vicky Tchong and Acting Director for Bilateral Affairs Magdalena Alves to discuss Burma. On Cyclone Nargis, we outlined our efforts to provide humanitarian relief and urged that Timor-Leste, together with its Asian neighbors, press the Burmese regime to facilitate issuance of visas to international relief workers and not to hinder aid efforts. Ms. Tchong said that she understood that ASEAN countries were working to coordinate relief efforts, and suggested that the U.S. might engage the ASEAN Secretariat as a channel for its relief efforts. (Note: Timor-Leste is seeking to join ASEAN but is not yet a member.) Ms. Tchong said that Roberto Soares, DCM at Timor-Leste's Embassy in Jakarta, was currently attending the ASEAN Regional Forum meeting in Singapore, and said she would contact him and urge him to support an ARF statement on the subject. Ms. Tchong indicated that Timor-Leste does not have the resources to extend aid to Burma at this time.

12. REFERENDUM: Per ref B, DCM shared our critique of Burma's May 10 constitutional referendum. Recalling Timor-Leste President Jose Ramos-Horta's past criticism of the Burmese regime, we urged the GOTL to make a statement condemning the referendum. Ms. Tchong thanked us for our presentation and agreed to raise the matter with Foreign Minister Zacarias Da Costa, who would make a decision.

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